

VAB Agenda – June 13, 2024

- I. Call to Order, Pledge, Invocation, Roll Call
- II. Approval of May 9, 2024 minutes (action)
- III. Committee Reports (info and action)
- IV. Homeless Veterans Count Presentation (info)
- V. April 2024 Contractor and Fund Reports (info)
- VI. Veterans Assistance Center Updates (info)
- VII. Preparation for Assessor's Office and Budget Office Visit (action)
- VIII. Old Business (info)
- IX. New Business (info)
- X. Open Forum (info)
- XI. Adjourn



Agenda Item I. Call to Order/Pledge/Invocation/Roll Call



Agenda Item II. Approval of May 9th minutes

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes An advisory board to the Clark County Council May 9, 2024

Chair: Michael Harding Vice Chair: Bob Nichols Secretary: Bruce Maas

Meeting called to order.

Roll Call: [Bold script indicates presence at meeting; italics indicates excused]

POST	PRIMARY	ALTERNATE
40 et 8	Bob Brennan	Steve Slegers
American Legion #14	Gene Couture	
American Legion #44	Darren Wertz	Charles Ingalls
American Legion #168	Bob Nichols	
American Legion #176	Thomas Phillips	Michael Gibson
American Veterans #6	John Lovejoy	Vanise Pratt
DAV Chapter #4	Bruce Maas	Tom Cousino
Korean War Assoc. #321	Earl Edwards	Dixie Hotaling
Marine Corps League #826	Steve Slegers	Ron Brandon
VFV #4278	Shannon Roberts	Dana Dillford
VFV #7824	Michael Harding	
Vietnam Vets #512	Greg Whitson	Nick Herber
Members at Large	Kelly Jones	
	Bryan McGillis	
	Tonya Wark	
	Tamara Elam	
	Megan Anderson	
	Eli Gonzalez	
	Michael Langsdorf	
	Lloyd Bowman	

Clark County Representative: Abby Molloy

Guests: CVTV23, Dawn Lee (Clark County); Temple Lentz, Carol Ross, Katharine Nevit, Joshua Jones, Ana Betancourt-Macias, Sophie Wade (The Historic Trust); Lori Pugh (Clark County Veterans Assistance Center); Judy Russel (Clark County Veterans Assistance Center)

Approval of March 14, 2024, meeting minutes

The minutes were approved following a motion by Bob Nichols that was seconded by Steve Slegers.

Committee Reports

Appeals: None

Policies and Procedures: Draft change to Clark County Veterans Assistance Center (CCVAC) Homeless Veterans Support Fund (HVSF) policies approved following a motion by Bob Nichols and seconded by Gene Couture.

Nominations: Michael Harding is resigning position of chair. Bob Nichols will move into chair position starting June meeting. Megan Anderson selected for Vice Chair position by majority vote.

The Historic Trust Presentation (Temple Lentz, Joshua Jones, Ana Betancourt-Macias, Sophie Wade)
The Historic Trust presents Marshall Leadership Awards in partnership with the City of Vancouver. This award honors General Marshall who served on site in Vancouver and went on to serve as Army Chief of Staff in WW2, Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, President of Red Cross, received Nobel Peace Prize, etc. Awards celebrate and support

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local rising leaders who embody 9 leadership principles. Candidates need to be nominated by community members. This year, there were 17 nominees for adult awards and 55 nominations for youth awards. Most applications in recent years. Volunteers on selection committees selected finalists – one adult and youth recipient were selected for scholarships/honorariums. Joshua Jones (2023 adult recipient), Ana Betancourt-Macias (2024 adult recipient), and Sophie Wade (2024 youth recipient) shared their stories, experience, and passions. These individuals are leaders in our community, and many go on to lead important work around the country and world.

March 2024, Contractor & Fund reports

- CCVAC: 46 Veterans served in March, services totaling \$21,582. 40 male veterans, 5 female veterans, 1 widow served. 8 denials, 0 subject to appeals. 618 visits to the center for essentials and food, 799 sack breakfasts/lunches provided and 33 food boxes provided. 708.5 volunteer hours, totaling \$17,493 in value.
- Free Clinic: 3 Veterans served in March. Services totaled \$1,846 in value; billed \$711.76.
- WDVA: First quarter: 960 claims, 91% "batting average", \$1,513,114 VA payments
- VAC Fund: March revenue: \$56,460; expenditures: \$117,309; fund balance: \$494,878

Clark County Veterans Assistance Center Update

- Gala is on July 16th and Ilani Casino. Please come and show your support. Upcoming Stand Down is September 27th. WDVA Service Officers are doing incredible work (91% batting average).
- Steward Bower at VA is also doing amazing work with a similar equivalency of claims.
- Tickets to Gala are \$150 each and a table for 8 is \$1200.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- The Veterans Center of Excellence at Clark College has 10-year anniversary coming up. Celebration is on May 21st from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Everyone is invited, please come to show your support.
- Request to Temple Lentz to have Veterans at front of parade on Veteran's Day.
- Tonya contacted WDVA about HVRP grant for SW Washington. Asked for statistics and they are working on it – number of Veterans in our area they have served, how much money they spent, what actions they have done.
- Will prep for Assessor's visit at June meeting.

Open Forum

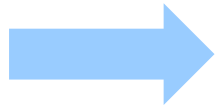
- Looking for land to open Veteran's cemetery in Clark County, with WDVA. There are 3 cemeteries in North County, but need to coordinate with districts. Bob is hoping to coordinate with a staff member next week.
- Upcoming events:
 - May 8th: Community Salutes Program – can view on CVTV
 - May 18th: Armed Forces Day
 - May 27th: Memorial Day services and celebrations
 - Do Good is sponsoring a "rucksack march" in Portland
 - June: Rose Festival
- Point Man International is changing name to Veterans Outreach COTR. Meet every week on Friday night.
- If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, dial 988. If a Veteran, press 1.

Adjourn

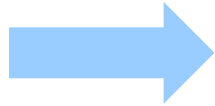
Meeting adjourned. Next meeting June 13th, 2024.



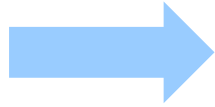
Agenda Item III. Committee Reports



Appeals – Gene Couture



Policies and Procedures – Kelly Jones



Nominations – Bruce Maas



Clark County homelessness and veteran's housing update

Dale Whitley, Council for the Homeless





May 2024 CVAB Update



Data Source

- Homeless Management Information System
- Database where coordinated entry, outreach, shelter and housing program data is entered for those experiencing homelessness in Clark County.



Annual System Number trends on Veteran Homelessness in Clark County

EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS AT ANY POINT IN 2022

2022=5,352 / 2021=4,036

CALLED CFTH HOUSING HOTLINE FOR ASSISTANCE

(Includes those calling for rent assistance)

2022=6,492 / 2021=6,787

6%



6%

5%



5%



Annual System Number trends on Veteran Homelessness in Clark County

ASKED FOR SHELTER

2022=2,421 / 2021=1,494

6%



6%

ACCESSED SHELTER

2022=1,857 / 2021=1,178

6%



7%



Annual System Number trends on Veteran Homelessness in Clark County

HOUSED THROUGH COACHING AND ONE-TIME FINANCIAL SUPPORT

2022=134 / 2021=143



ENTERED ONE OF 39 HOUSING PROGRAMS

2022=565 / 2021=515



Veterans counted in Outreach Projects

- June 2022 to May 2023 = 60
- *Chronically Homeless* = 31
- *Non-Chronically Homeless* = 29
- *62% are 55 years or older*
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- June 2023 to May 2024 = 46 (23% decrease)
- *Chronically Homeless* = 22
- *Non-Chronically Homeless* = 24
- *54% are 55 years or older*



Veterans counted in Emergency Shelters

- June 2022 to May 2023 = 51
- *Chronically Homeless* = 23
- *Non-Chronically Homeless* = 28
- *63% are 55 years or older*
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- June 2023 to May 2024 = 44 (14% decrease)
- *Chronically Homeless* = 21
- *Non-Chronically Homeless* = 23
- *50% are 55 years or older*



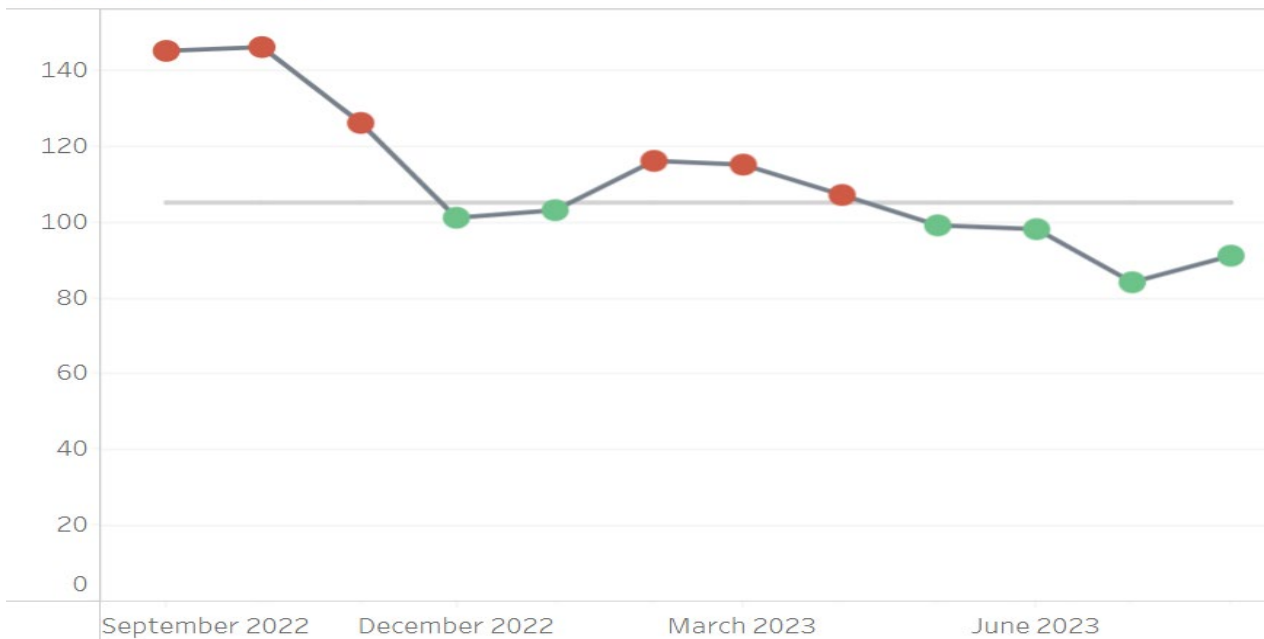
Veteran By Name List Case Conferencing

- A VBNL (Veteran By Name List) workgroup meets bi-weekly to case conference around how to rehouse each veteran.
- The # of veterans on the VBNL changes monthly due to the inflow and outflow of veterans.
- A key long-term goal of a By Name List is to reach “Functional Zero” where the outflow to housing is consistently greater than or equal to the monthly inflow.



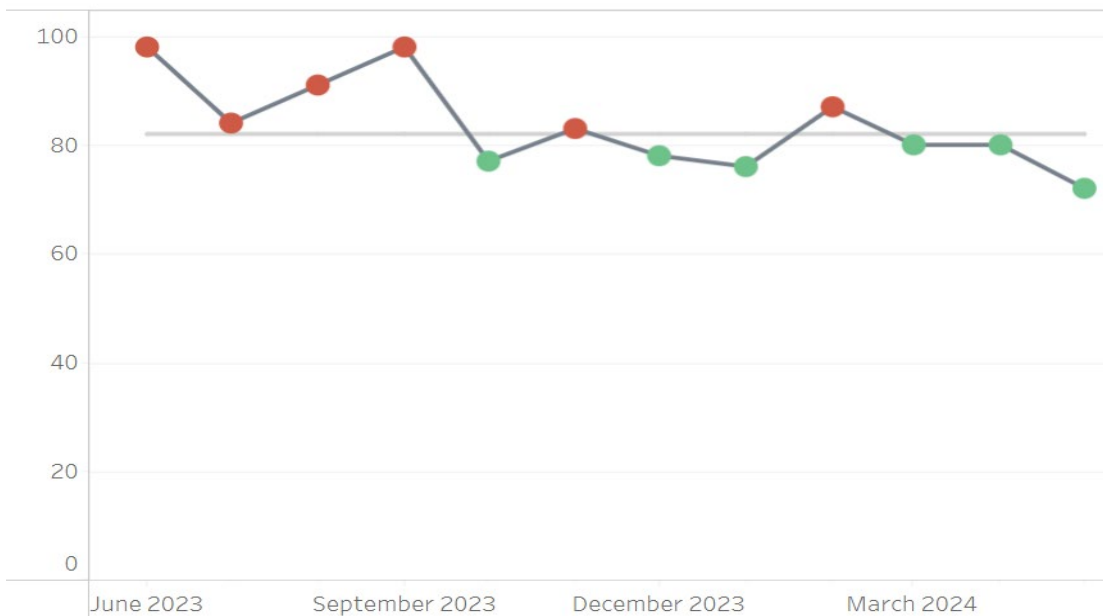
On the first day of October 2022, 146 veterans were on that month's VBNL.

Population Trends



On the first day of May 2024, 72 veterans were on that month's VBNL. 51% decrease from 2022.

Population Trends



VBNL Core Improvement Team

- CFTH has pulled in community experts on Veteran homelessness: CCVAC, TPI/SSVF, the VA, and PIC along with other local nonprofits to launch a core improvement team. This team provides a new and needed feedback loop for barriers and successes that case conferencing navigates, so that those with decision making power can make recommendations for change and pilot and test more coordinated strategies to addressing veteran homelessness.



VBNL Core Improvement Team (continued)

- The Core Improvement Team efforts have been energizing the work and success of the VBNL.
- Continued progress is being made towards reaching functional zero and beyond towards the goal of veteran homelessness in Clark County becoming rare, brief and one-time.



Q & A:





Thank You

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Agenda Item V. April 2024 Contractor Reports

- **CCVAC**

- 55 Veterans served in April, services totaling \$27,076.28
- 48 male Veterans, 7 female Veterans, and 0 others served
- 13 denials, 0 subject to appeal
- 620 visits to the center for essentials and food. 875 sack breakfasts and lunches and 38 food boxes provided. 2,872 total pounds of food provided.
- 813 volunteer hours, totaling \$32,748 in value

- **Free Clinic**

- 15 veterans served in April. Services totaled \$3,179 in value. Billed \$1,826.43.

- **Fund**

- April revenue: \$315,758; expenditures: \$94,162; fund balance: \$716,474



Agenda Item VI. CCVAC updates

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serving those
who served
honorably**



Preparation for Assessor's Office/ Budget Office Visit



Agenda Items VI. – X.

- Old Business
- New Business
- Open Forum
- Adjourn

Next meeting: August 8, 2024

